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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY 2023

9	04.30	p.m.	Confirmation at Bendur
10	09.30	a.m.	Ordination at Niddodi
13	09.15	a.m.	Graduation Ceremony, SJEC
15	10.00	a.m.	Confirmation at Talapady
18	05.00	p.m.	Inauguration of Unity Octave at K.T.C.
23-30			Meeting of the CCBI, St John's Medical College, Bangalore

Bishop Meets in the Forenoon:

Religious Priests and Sisters, 18; Diocesan Clergy, 19; Laity, 20

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR JANUARY 2023

Papal Intention for January: Pope Francis invites us to pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition. Building fraternity must be our priority so that young children learn the art of loving and self-giving. The youngest learn more by seeing than by hearing. One deed is more valuable than a thousand words. Normally, students admire and appreciate their teachers, and whatever they do and say gets implanted in them. What we need today is education that can help them change our culture toward brotherhood, not education

that is commercialised. Educators have a crucial role in teaching about cooperation and respecting one another, and they should sow the seeds of care, kindness, and tenderness rather than cut-throat competition, where achieving success even by harming others is the goal.

Eucharistic Procession: On 8 January, on the Epiphany or public manifestation of the Lord, we are taking a procession to honour the Lord present in the Holy Eucharist. “Senses cannot grasp this marvel; faith must serve to compensate”. Great is the mystery of the Eucharist through which the Lord keeps alive his promise: “I am with you always, to the end of the age”. Let us encourage more and more young people to participate in this procession and honour Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Let him, through this sign of unity, and bond of charity make our families strong and deeply rooted in him.

Year of Family 2023: In the recent meetings of the Council of Priests & Diocesan Pastoral Council, the members suggested that we dedicate the Year 2023 to the family so that we make concerted efforts in pastoral care and reaching out to the needy. The family is the basic unit of the Church and Society, and when the family is safe and healthy, the growth of the children and adolescents is guaranteed. All the Priests, Religious, the Lay leaders, and especially the members of the Parish Pastoral Council and Associations must draw up programmes focusing on the one thing that is most important. The Family Commission has to take up the leadership. The other Commissions are requested to collaborate. The remote, proximate preparation for family life and marriage enrichment programmes are to be given greater space. Families with mixed and inter-faith marriages, and even those on the verge of separation and already divorced, need special attention. As John XXIII said in his opening speech at the Second Vatican Council, “at the present time, the spouse of Christ prefers to use the medicine of mercy rather than the weapons of severity; and, she thinks she meets today’s needs by

explaining the validity of her doctrine more fully rather than by condemning”. In this regard, the Karnataka Regional Commission is developing lesson plans to aid remote preparation for family life, with a focus on students in grades/std. VII through XII. Let us take up the remote preparation for family life seriously. Children’s emotional attractions and attachments may be rightly directed when there is a spurt of growth in them. We know many hazards afflict families. “A stitch in time saves nine”; it is better to fix a problem when it is small than to wait and let it become a bigger problem. In order to favour balanced growth, long training in family life is absolutely essential, and all must collaborate in this venture to build up healthy families.

Unity Octave, 18-25 January: The theme of this year’s Unity Octave is drawn from Isaiah: “learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow” (1: 17). God says if we want our prayers be heard, we must change our ways from doing injustice to vulnerable people. “Justice, righteousness and unity originate from God’s profound love for each of us and are at the heart of who God is and how God expects us to be with one another” (Introduction to the Theme of the Year 2023). Sin of injustice is the root cause of all division. Therefore any external superficial religiosity is an abomination, and the Prophet directs us to do good and seek justice. As the fruit of prayer, let us treat every person equally with the dignity due to him/her. May this year’s Prayer for Christian Unity be a moment of greater involvement of our Churches in nurturing unity already achieved and enhancing it to greater heights.

Word of God Sunday, 22 January: In the Apostolic Letter issued *Motu Proprio Aperuit Illis* (30 September 2019), Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God. He desires that this should not be a yearly event but rather a year-long event. We should allow the Lord to open our minds to understand the Scriptures as he did to the apostles, before the Ascension. There is a strong relationship between the Risen Lord, the

community of believers and sacred Scripture. Without this link, we can neither know the mission of Jesus and of his Church, nor understand the Scriptures in depth. In order to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God meaningfully and effectively, the Biblical Commission will send the Word of God Sunday kit. Let us inculcate the love for the Word of God in every one of our family members, for “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ” (St Jerome). The third Sunday of the Year is the fitting time because we encourage strengthening the bonds with the Jewish People and pray for Christian unity during this time. The celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity, not only of Christians but of the whole of humanity.

Ecumenical Sunday, 29 January: In order to strengthen bonds of love between Christians of various traditions, we have declared the Sunday after the conclusion of the Unity Octave as Ecumenical Sunday. In the *Internos* of December, certain indications are given. Celebrating the Word of God with our fellow Christian Brothers and Sisters of other Churches and Ecclesial Communities will enable us to come closer based on the power of the Word of God, which is not merely informative but also *performative*. It performs what it announces. May the Lord bind all Christians together with a strong bond of love so that we give witness to the presence of the Lord midst of us. The Secretary of the Ecumenical Commission will supply material for the prayer service and the liturgical aid you will find in the *Sombrom*, sent by Mangala Jyothi. Indications are given in the *Internos* of December about the Churches in the vicinity to plan activities for a fruitful celebration that favours the unity of all the people.

Wish you all a joyful and blessed New Year. May the Lord accompany you in all the moments of your life.

✠ **Peter Paul Saldanha**
Bishop of Mangalore

ANNUAL MISSION STATISTICS – 2022

The Annual Mission Statistics Sheets / Forms for the year 2022 will be dispatched to Parish Priests and Superiors of Religious Houses (Men and Women), and you will receive them by 08 January 2023. If you do not receive them by the said date, kindly collect the forms from the Reception Desk at the Bishop's House, Kodialbail. Please update the statistics of your parish/institution, fill in the correct details in the columns/spaces provided in the forms, and return them to the Chancery as early as possible. By all means, the filled-in forms should reach the Chancery before **15 February 2023**. Kindly verify and then fill in the data to reflect the true state of the parish/institution. Each Diocese must submit the mission statistics data to the Holy See as per its schedule. Therefore, we request the Parish Priest to remind the heads of Religious Convents in their parish to submit the filled-in forms sent to them to the Chancery Office by the date mentioned above.

FROM THE PROCURATOR'S OFFICE

- 1) Some Parish Priests have not submitted their monthly DCMF claims/returns. All the Priests under the DCMF are requested to send their DCMF monthly claims/returns by the 10th of next month, so that the monthly claims may be cleared on time. Those whose claims are pending are requested to follow the DCMF guidelines.
- 2) It is also observed that personal PAF contributions and Retired Priests Fund Contributions of Rs. 3000/- each are still due for the previous years. Therefore, the members are requested to enquire in the Procurator's office and settle the dues at the earliest.
- 3) The PAF members are requested to claim their medical bills of Financial Year 2022-23 (upto February 28th 2023) by March 10th 2023. Kindly note the same now itself, in order to avoid inconveniences later.

EARMARKED COLLECTIONS FROM PARISHES REMITTED TO BISHOPS HOUSE

No	PARISH	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Pro Afris	Soc. of St. Peter Ap.	On going Formation	Comm union India	Peters Pence	Monthi Feast	Mission Sunday	Christ the King
1	Rosario Cathedral	19052	41676	9321	11705	13750	8782	17440	26972	200495	13090
2	Adyapady	1680	2027	1112	1053	620	490	1201	2190	34000	985
3	Agrar	16412	42276	10400	9788	7165	6510	11978	9500	231497	10649
4	Allipade	7958	19887	5788	6393	5873	6363	6678	13600	51000	5907
5	Ammemba	11275	22550	7400	8700	8825	5685	9870	17475	106500	8600
6	Anegudde	2459	4861	1533	2298	1452	1422	1824	3656	30970	1892
7	Angalore	48368	102960	21484	26250	24960	16900	27032	36200	505555	26456
8	Arva	7330	16315	4472	5350	4654	3510	3910	9340	76080	5898
9	Ashoknagar	30161	59835	19975	17302	19720	10350	21699	36956	175830	17634
10	Badyar	6621	12650	3312	4460	5060	3965	4272	7695	150512	3295
11	Bajal	15341	33710	11105	11878	9623	6633	13248	24597	135185	10706
12	Bajjodi	13930	22642	11771	11094	9702	5371	12085	10047	103872	12295
13	Bajpe	41288	77654	22340	22843	21875	13019	21860	19275	206990	18463
14	Bambil	4270	8170	2300	3308	3000	2722	3140	5695	33553	2816
15	Bannur	7365	16458	7310	7870	8475	2746	7477	11938	50361	7628

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16	Bantwal	42030	72070	19001	22350	17200	12840	22560	31910	243445	21980
17	Bejai	64891	98715	36860	39702	38170	18775	30770	59975	1587000	28496
18	Bela	12465	50955	13314	14320	13251	8093	14715	16892	188607	14772
19	Belloor	7599	21408	6400	8094	5570	5962	6880	12374	100180	6115
20	Belthangady	22796	45126	14185	19061	10436	6987	18040	35967	136643	15549
21	Belvai	5480	12875	5000	6308	9773	3155	4648	7438	125000	5573
22	Bendur	93585	148755	60100	59023	66398	46220	67290	66140	653720	64190
23	Bola	3930	6226	2969	3764	3286	1882	3617	-	20796	3479
24	Bolkunje	8200	17051	6124	6262	5179	4198	4672	10099	47500	4856
25	Bondel	52114	72534	35229	39050	34400	21625	37500	38880	668195	32406
26	Borimar	5650	16500	4125	4900	4600	2170	4500	12000	114000	4700
27	Bovikana	1010	3675	2097	1579	1404	654	1358	2100	25050	1450
28	Cascia	15032	24316	10416	10588	10331	7510	15694	33862	121000	16525
29	Corde	95068	144570	48823	58296	52031	37391	59752	93056	622797	54742
30	Derebail	54651	95147	31069	30194	34764	20758	30564	35311	764228	35057
31	Delanthabettu	2420	3775	2277	2230	2024	755	2532	3769	16707	2314

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32	Eliarpadav	6660	15150	4150	4920	4340	3340	5910	7800	36130	4950
33	Fajir	14654	32241	12751	13622	13908	8975	14715	32092	94249	15800
34	Farla	8940	15850	8088	8113	8539	5092	8120	11405	105650	7368
35	Ferar	9155	38870	7135	7130	7150	4170	7785	17130	80110	9315
36	Fermai	11031	18815	6992	7348	5504	3066	6124	10680	101725	5812
37	Gantalkatte	6188	11376	4984	4145	4288	3193	4157	6203	91284	4160
38	Gardady	3032	7884	2066	2680	3545	1110	3090	4720	65710	2580
39	Gurpur	14026	40042	11044	14782	10876	9832	13226	22549	112168	12007
40	Hosabettu	11380	34155	7370	6685	5825	5370	8420	17035	100142	7265
41	Indubettu	2200	4228	1197	1781	1285	810	1517	3651	91965	1900
42	Jeppu	27686	62415	20937	10446	13032	14022	15359	22840	100530	14085
43	Kadaba	1680	4746	1300	1317	1475	880	1576	3940	30178	1202
44	Karady	4380	11782	3936	4660	4895	3015	4900	8547	42223	4941
45	Kasargod	5797	6724	3713	4767	4180	2905	4457	5376	73733	4130
46	Kateel	5657	7891	4502	5884	3719	2871	4559	9643	85840	3524
47	Kaipalla	20610	42861	14642	14390	11273	8325	14105	24198	213366	12986

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48	Kayyar	7166	17668	8505	8584	8005	4942	2766	10610	152702	10804
49	Kelarai	19120	57699	21725	22643	18669.50	14490	17075	35364	313000	21958
50	Kinnigoly	30120	41410	21800	17242	30008	12846	16934	35929	662570	20501
51	Kirem	22490	52083	15859	13730	14965	12360	15156	24797	200000	21671
52	Kokkada	5658	8896	3657	2879	3930	1057	4219	7497	65000	3665
53	Kollangana	7554	17624	5500	6190	5795	1860	7649	7272	103000	4061
54	Komangala	11160	3270	1720	905	725	1235	813	1475	23000	
55	Kulur	10633	33450	9630	7136	7405	6700	11980	17700	165945	8555
56	Kumbala	6460	12741	3667	3819	3307	3736	4499	4644	126400	4289
57	Kuppepadav	7197	14104	3929	4345	4002	3871	4524	8658	122262	4209
58	Lawrencenagar	3262	6259	3849	3224	3725	1659	2779	4431	43385	3171
59	Loreto	19855	51226	11043	12275	12584	13978	12175	21762	382879	13128
60	Madanthayar	26777	47950	22041	22363	20575	13288	27458	38722	450100	20026
61	Manela	7190	10310	5872	5380	5780	3075	5348	8300	70300	8050
62	Maniyampare	2610	4154	3522	4630	3482	1936	3093	4999	33950	4064
63	Manjeshwar	10234	20539	7746	8210	11012	4043	9680	12679	212665	7233

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64	Manjotie	3520	6580	3140	3500	2240	1890	2730	5900	75000	3020
65	Mariashram	6960	9414	3705	4189	4058	3355	4629	9247	119579	3719
66	Maril	8361	25486	7030	6624	6278	3420	6893	12964	55450	8714
67	Milagres	57580	89280	56450	55720	41030	28450	60410	42950	700445	60140
68	Miyapadav	5148	15459	7406	6499	7974	3105	6948	9512	50646	7899
69	Mogarnad	10370	54830	9680	11229	13088	11036	16389	29344	139871	
70	Moodbidri-Alangar	14026	22593	8389	9739	9267	5451	11161	16262	143000	10064
71	Moodbidri-Town	30222	48536	13096	16543	13280	12733	20613	27774	236284	16747
72	Mudipu	10411	17634	6755	6824	6498	4843	6981	12500	84700	5770
73	Mukka	8024	21028	3870	4995	6235	3730	5761	10009	100009	4296
74	Mulky	11754	23681	6291	8145	10238	8095	9027	15430	109265	7869
75	Nainadu	5510	10855	5425	5377	6720	3070	8535	10500	139776	5899
76	Nala	2964	3202	1694	2115	1420	1739	2231	3362	62500	2100
77	Narampady	11100	18850	11300	12850	11600	7050	9900	14500	382571	
78	Naravi	8072	14536	6262	7585	6408	5448	5628	9956	192655	6184
79	Neermarga	29170	42764	13673	15194	17881	11049	15395	30936	175690	16908

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80	Neerude	17778	29291	7611	7040	7599	6541	7365	12169	82087	7057
81	Nellikar	2889	4930	2211	2280	2950	958	2078	2143	35420	1942
82	Nellyady	3105	5984	1650	2720	2160	2350	3407	3055	24000	2175
83	Niddodi	10005	20170	7297	5750	5580	6364	7030	11653	108228	10170
84	Nidpally	2354	4019	1961	3303	2147	1165	1794	4422	57255	2097
85	Nirkan	6075	10040	2945	3740	3550	2750	3575	7145	78000	4000
86	Nithyadamagar	8104	29352	6704	6688	6704	6889	6292	13188	78550	6936
87	Omzoor	20285	29672	9012	11404	10238	9432	12228	21618	512349	27207
88	Pakshikere	11041	20381	4230	5056	6124	6381	6518	11525	115313	6335
89	Paladka	8678	19500	7115	7880	5870	4253	8294	15100	69200	6748
90	Paldane	16823	24973	12130	8384	10962	10907	14216	24639	187340	9938
91	Panir	19180	39710	12825	14320	15860	12960	13465	16235	273183	13697
92	Panja	4400	6470	3335	3820	3520	2880	1775	4855	42000	1285
93	Pavur	1665	5138	1960	2447	2005	2248	2148	2120	28800	1532
94	Pavur Uliya	400	450	400	400	450	1400	430	630	2090	637
95	Permannur	40040	82010	25070	26270	27000	21030	28020	51020	230330	28170

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96	Permude	11365	20627	6280	5584	4804	4350	6492	13300	120000	5208
97	Peruvai	3334	5601	3800	4317	4278	2943	4770	7388	75000	4909
98	Pezar	3347	10435	4122	3580	2945	2882	4268	6378	78310	3194
99	Puttur	27763	96342	16261	20319	21600	10011	23007	39180	460812	20259
100	Ranipura	18092	39134	9920	9700	10068	8076	12997	29789	106000	10615
101	Salethur	2725	6560	2416	2773	4532	2313	4162	4379	71075	3076
102	Sampaje	2010	4490	2120	1760	1620	2080	1740	2620	33300	1975
103	Sampige	7809	15664	3627	4250	5318	2492	4233	9517	186286	3455
104	Saverapura	1520	4885	1936	2496	2255	660	3277	4779	22721	2729
105	Shakthinagar	9225	16263	5437	6707	5345	2950	5924	13165	112168	6629
106	Shambur	3820	4093	3070	3420	3040	2280	3060	3078	35887	2855
107	Shirthady	10670	26430	8370	6960	7410	5455	7968	13080	184395	8004
108	Siddakatte	8651	25472	7452	8211	8381	5492	8003	16739	65500	7358
109	Sullia	4960	7520	3885	5356	4640	3075	4096	6890	82351	5324
110	Surathkal	22974	44154	27100	26310	21337	10711	20036	36377	263886	20254
111	Taccode	10378	40617	6252	6728	5770	4567	8404	16255	77161	8008

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112	Thannirbavi	3395	6295	2220	1235	1455	2180	1930	4275	29083	1854
113	Thodambila	6886	17195	5891	5465	6694	3909	4959	9740	95773	5263
114	Thokur	2994	7150	1679	1740	1287	1514	-	6282	132060	3702
115	Ujire	10140	27890	6450	7250	6828	4094	8561	13940	151800	7560
116	Ukkinadka	2128	5869	2854	2938	5725	2572	2322	4043	38575	2052
117	Uppinangady	6235	12132	4135	5123	4555	2025	4417	7168	125130	
118	Urwa	44952	88307	40412	29889	27569	30045	34908	49719	320000	30821
119	Valencia	47377	63686	35874	33782	35816	25390	35728	44138	771000	30808
120	Vamadapadav	6047	10088	5363	4668	3463	2370	4590	4361	48641	4516
121	Vamanjoor	41704	73925	30922	19496	16487	11897	21510	38546	352000	18687
122	Venur	7485	17165	5660	5774	5818	4018	7098	9309	112117	6626
123	Vital	12670	21924	6609	8959	7575	5663	8223	14600	94553	11610
124	Vorkady	7907	26914	13791	13996	12044	12555	11911	22623	95300	12005
125	Anthonykatte	2810	5100	790	1375	1090	1240	2490	5793	-	1600
126	Bellare	1290	3690	1500	1800	2285	1410	2210	4726	62000	2060
127	Kodialbail Chapel	2640	5160	4562	890	3190	1190	3329	-	1470	860

**CHARITY GIVEN FROM THE DIOCESE
TO THE NEEDY PEOPLE OF FOLLOWING PARISHES**

(From 23.09.2022 to 22.12.2022)

	PARISH	Medical	Others
1	Agrar	25000	
2	Allipade		25000
3	Ammembal		25000
4	Angelore	25000	25000
5	Ashoknagar	10000	
6	Bambil	25000	
7	Bela	25000	
8	Bola		25000
9	Cascia		25000
10	Eliarpadav	25000	
11	Farla	10000	
12	Ferar	25000	
13	Karady	60000	
14	Kinnigoly	50000	
15	Kuppepadav		15000
16	Madanthyar		25000
17	Manjeshwar	25000	
18	Manjottie		20000
19	Mogarnad	25000	
20	Mudipu		25000
21	Nidpally		25000
22	Pezar		25000
23	Sampaje		25000
24	Shakthinagar		10000
25	Taccode	10000	
26	Urwa	25000	
27	Vamanjoor	45000	
28	Vittal		25000
29	Others	9895	3300

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. Programmes for January 2023

- 3-5 : YOUCAT Meeting
7 : VII & X Std. School Catechism / VE Annual Exam
8 : Liturgy Animation - Diocesan Eucharistic Procession
16- Feb 12: YOUCAT Basics / International Authors Meeting, Training and Conference
16-17: Evaluation of the Answer Scripts (VII & X Std.), MJ
22-27: St Lawrence Basilica Attur, Feast Stall

II. Commission for Catechetics:

1. YOUCAT Ministry: We are planning to begin YOUCAT ministry for the interested youth of the diocese. This ministry includes prayer meetings, YOUCAT study, discussions on faith matters related to youth, youth rosary, etc. This ministry focuses mainly on the faith formation of the youth. Most of the aspects are online. Interested youth can contact the Director, Mangala Jyothi, Associate Co-ordinator, YOUCAT India. So far, ten youth of our diocese are actively involved in the group. YOUCAT Konkani version is also available at our stall at a subsidised price of Rs. 200.

2. VII & X Std. Catechism and VE exams: The Diocesan level VII & X Std. Catechism as well as VE exams will be conducted on 07 January 2023, Saturday, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. For details, refer to our website www.mangalajyothi.com or the Mangala Jyothi bulletin December issue.

3. Parish / Diocesan level Catechism Day: You are requested to organise Catechism day at the parish level either on 26 February or 5 March or according to your convenience. The diocesan level Value Education Day will be celebrated on 4 March 2023, Saturday from 3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. at Bajjodi. Also, the diocesan level Catechism Day will be celebrated on the 5th March 2023, Sunday, from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. at Bajjodi. You are cordially invited to the programmes.

4. New Value Education syllabus: In the year 2023, we will be having a new syllabus and Text Books for the schools. The books have been published at the national level (CCBI). This process is initiated by Mangala Jyothi in the year 2019. I thank all those schools (selected teachers) who have taken a special interest in preparing the text. I request all the correspondents to inform the Heads of the Institutions regarding the new syllabus. At present, this syllabus applies only to English Medium schools. The translation of the book into Kannada is in progress. For more information, refer to our website or Mangala Jyothi bulletin, December 2022 issue.

5. Revision of Sunday Catechism Text Books: This is to inform you that under the leadership of the Bishops of Mangalore and Udupi Dioceses, we have formed 10 members committee to prepare new revised Sunday Catechism Text Books for both Mangalore and Udupi Dioceses. CCBI, Commission for Catechetics is preparing new Sunday Catechism Text Books at the national level. In line with this syllabus, we will be preparing new catechism textbooks. It requires time. We need your support and cooperation. Kindly pray for this mission.

III. New Arrivals - Mangala Jyothi Publications:

1. Bible Housie Housie - Important resource material for Bible Sunday and other programmes. It will be useful in learning the names found in the Holy Bible.

2. ಸಳಾವಳ್ - ಪರ್ನೊ ಸೊಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ ವಿಶಿಂ ಬೈಬಲ್ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ್

3. 150 ಕೀರ್ತನಾಂಚೆಂ ಸಂಗೀತ್

4. Responsorial Psalms and Gospel Acclamations Notation (ABC) English Edition

Other Publications:

* YOUCAT - Konkani (Subsidised price Rs. 200/-) & English

* The Weekday and Sunday Missal

Many other useful books are available at the Mangala Jyothi store.

IV. Books and Other Items Available at the Stall:

- * Ordo 2022-23
- * ಕಥೋಲಿಕ್ ಪಂಚಾಂಗ್
- * ಮಂಗ್ಳುರ್ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಚ್ಯಾ ಪರಿಷದೆಚಿ ಘಟನಾವಳಿ
- * Diocesan Directory
- * Missal - English & Kannada
- * Lectionary - Konkani, English & Kannada
- * Mass Candles, superior quality Hosts & Particles, Incense
- * First Holy Communion Certificates, candles, crown, veil, Rosary, Scapular
- * Confirmation Certificates

– Director, Mangala Jyothi

BIBLICAL COMMISSION EPHPHATHA BIBLICAL CENTRE

1. The Sunday of the Word of God and Bible Week.

1. In the November 2022 issue of *Inter Nos*, I had already mentioned in detail the importance and mode of the celebration of the Word of God Sunday, which falls on the 3rd Sunday of the Ordinary Time and this year, we will celebrate it on the 22nd of January 2023. Here, I urge all of you to make this Sunday fully dedicated to the Word of God through various Biblical activities and instil love and zeal for God's word among the faithful.

In this regard, I request that you hold a programme with biblical skits, songs and dances involving parishioners of all age groups. You can design the program according to your parish's capabilities and resources. However, to facilitate the same, from the Biblical Centre-Ephphatha-Mangala Jyothi, we will be sending a **WORD OF GOD SUNDAY - KIT** involving the liturgy of the day, a couple of skits and a couple of songs and action songs via WhatsApp in the first week of January 2023. You may use this kit as a starting point and add many more programmes to this list.

2. Diocesan Bible Quiz (Online):

On the occasion of the Word of God Sunday, in order to facilitate the reading of the word of God, we have organised a **Word of God Sunday - Bible Quiz Competition**. The participants will have to prepare themselves by reading only the **Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles**. This will be an online Quiz, which can be answered in either Konkanni or English. The Quiz will be online on 21 November 2023 from 8.00 p.m. — 9.00 p.m. Attractive prizes will be there. This Quiz will be conducted in two categories:

The First Category (Junior) : Students, children and youth below 18 years.

Second Category (Senior) : All those who are above 18 years.

3. Bible Classes:

1. The Biblical Commissions of **Bantwal Deanery Parishes** (St Matthew), in association with the Biblical Commission of our Diocese, will be organising Bible classes on the **Gospel of Matthew** from the last week of February 2023 for Five Saturdays. These classes will be held on five Saturdays of Lent, 25 February, and March 04, 11, 18, and 25, from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. at **Infant Jesus Church premises at Modankap**. This course will be a wonderful preparation for the Holy Week. I request the Parish Priests to encourage many faithful of the deanery to participate in this course. The course is designed in Konkanni and titled “ಸದಾಂಕಾಳ್ ತುಷ್ಟಿ ಸವೆಂ” – ಮಾತೆವಾಚ್ಯೆ ಸುವಾರ್ತೆಚಿಂ ಗುಂಡಾಯೆನ್ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ್.

2. The Biblical Commission of our Diocese, in association with Ephphatha Biblical Centre, a unit of Mangala Jyothi, will be conducting bible classes on **Biblical Christology** (ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಪುಸ್ತಕಾಚಿಂ ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ) in March 2023 for Four Sundays for priests, religious and laity. The classes will be held on March 05, 12, 19, and 26 from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. at Pastoral Centre, Bajjodi, Mangalore. The Parish Priests are kindly requested to make this known to the people and encourage them to participate. Since

it coincides with Lent, this course will be a fitting preparation for the Holy Week. This course is designed in Konkanni and is suitable for priests, religious and laity.

- Fr Vincent Sequeira
Secretary-Biblical Commission

COMMISSION FOR ECUMENISM

Dear Rev. Fathers, the Bishop has already announced in the last *Inter Nos* (December 2022) about the celebration of Ecumenical Sunday in the Diocese on 29-01-2023. The last Sunday of January will be celebrated as Ecumenical Sunday in the coming years. Following this appeal, I humbly request and gently remind you to hold in your Parish 1) A meaningful Sunday Liturgy and 2) Ecumenical Prayer Services wherever possible.

The related Sunday Liturgy is given in the *Devachya Sobdacho Sombrom*. As regards the Prayer Services, please follow the address list of Mainline Churches in our Diocese that is published in the last issue of *Inter Nos*. Please avoid prayer meetings with any Sect or Denomination.

Introduction to the Mass and the Ecumenical Prayer Services in English, Kannada and Konkani will be shared with you through WhatsApp in the first week of January 2023. In addition, you may involve the members of the Ecumenical Commission in this mission of unity in the Church. You may contact me for any further information.

- Rev. Rupesh Madtha, Secretary

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

- Jan 8 : Diocesan Eucharistic Procession
- Jan 15: BEC Training for the Parish Service Team Holy Cross Church, Cordel, at 4.00 p.m.
- Jan 22 : Mangalore South Vicariate BECs PAT and VAT training at Mudipu
- Jan 29 : Confraternity Sunday St Brigid of Ireland Church, Sullia

Requests:

1. Deanery BEC Directors are requested to elect Deanery Coordinators.
2. Deanery BEC Directors are requested to elect a Religious Sister Representative to the Diocesan service team.
3. Deanery BEC Directors are requested to send the names, addresses and mobile numbers of the Deanery Coordinators, BEC Parish conveners/BEC commission, and Religious Sister Representatives of the Deanery to the BEC office at your earliest.

The Following Training Programs are available:

1. 2 days of training for the newly elected BEC Parish Conveners (Deanery/Diocesan level)
2. 1-day training for the Parish Service team and Parish Resource Team. (Gospel sharing methods, Motivating skills and Effective Measures to make SCCs Vibrant.)
3. 1-day training for the Parish Animation Team at the Deanery level.
4. A 3-day residential program can be organised at the Parish/Deanery/Diocesan level.
5. Retreat for 5, 4, or 3 days on Christian community Building and Formation; New way of being Church and vibrant Christian community.

Please Note: '*Amcho Samudai*', SCC handbook is available in the SCC office and in Mangalajyoti. I request the Parish Priests to encourage all families to have a copy. Also, kindly see that all the Gurkars and SCC animators possess a copy of the handbook. You can also give it as a gift to the outgoing PPP members.

**- Rev. Joachim Fernandes, Director
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ICYM - YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMMES

1. **Diocesan Youth Conference** will begin on Friday, 17 February, at 5:30 p.m. and conclude on Sunday, 19 February, at 4:30 p.m. This Conference is held on Kirem Church premises. This programme includes a session on YouCat, a workshop on marriage and relationships, a panel discussion on government opportunities, self-employment, Taize prayer with confessions, social cause activity, and so on. Four youth from one parish can participate, and the registration fee is Rs 500 per head. Registration is prepaid and compulsory. So kindly announce it in your parishes, encourage your youth to participate in this Conference and keep us in your prayers.

2. **Voters' List Enrolment Study Session** is organised along with Catholic Sabha and Women's Sodality on Saturday, 7 January 2023, at 4 p.m. in the Bishop's House. Kindly encourage any one or two youth to participate in this study session. This will surely benefit to help your parishioners to enrol on the voters' list.

– Fr Ashwin Cardoza
Director - ICYM

LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2023 **'MY LENTEN SACRIFICE'**

Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in Charity,

I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year 2023. We begin this year with optimism and hope. Many of the Parish Priests begin their annual house blessings in the month of January. Many collect the Lenten campaign sacrifice during this annual house blessing. This Lenten campaign has been a practice in our Diocese for more than 38 years.

Last year (2022), we collected Rs 71,18,941/- for the cause of "local mission/charity." We thank all the Lay Faithful, Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters who have contributed to the cause.

- 1) The collected amount is being utilised for the objectives of the campaign.
- 2) From the amount collected for charity, major portion shall be spent for housing purpose.
- 3) In view of Golden Jubilee of CODP in 2024, we have a goal to help 50 beneficiaries to build 50 new houses. Each year we have earmarked minimum Rs 25 lakhs from the year 2021 to make it to Rs 1 crore. Kindly keep this intention too, while announcing in the Church.
- 4) We have disbursed Rs 64,99,692/- from various sources for charity purposes in the year 2021-22.

This year too, we continue the same mode of collection as last year. CODP Mangaluru will distribute Lenten Campaign 2023 envelopes with the words “My Lenten Sacrifice” printed on them. Please hand over the envelopes to the families and encourage them to contribute generously, as per the blessings they received from the Lord. I request the Parish Priests to collect the envelopes from the families, and the total collected amount is to be remitted to CODP for local charity.

Through local mission/charity, we hope to help poor and needy families with their medical treatment, construction/repair of houses, marriage of poor girls, education of poor children, self-employment, etc.

Therefore, I request all the Lay Leaders, Parish Priests and Religious Superiors to motivate our people to contribute generously during this Lenten season. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. May the Lord who suffered for us on the Cross, enable us to see him in the suffering brothers and sisters.

Thanking you for your goodwill and imploring God’s blessings upon you.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

PROGRAMMES OF CODP

- 03.01.2023 : Christmas and New Year celebration at Moodbidri
- 05.01.2023 : Seminar on Occupational English Test at CODP-
ISD
- 06.01.2023 : Training on Plastic Waste Management to school
children at Natekal and Mermajal
- 08.01.2023 : Christmas celebration for Mahasangha members
at CODP-ISD
- 12.01.2023 : Awareness on Organic agriculture and Kitchen
garden to school children at Boliyar
- 13.01.2023 : - Awareness on Organic agriculture to school
children at Kumbla
- Christmas celebration at Fajir
- 14.01.2023 : - Governing Body meet of Bandhavya at CODP-
ISD
- Christmas celebration at Vijayadka
- Training in Documentation at Shanthipalla and
Bakrabail
- 17.01.2023 : Training on Plastic Waste Management at Nirchal
- 20.01.2023 : Training on Natural Resource Management at
Puttur
- 21.01.2023 : - Training on Plastic Waste Management at
Kumbla
- Training in Documentation at Vorkady
- 22.01.2023 : Training on Organic agriculture and Kitchen
gardening at Mavinakatte
- 23.01.2023 : - Medical camp at Manjeshwar
- Training on Strengthening of Sanghas and
Mahasangha at Kayyar
- Training in Documentation at Shanthipalla
- 24.01.2023 : Training on Strengthening of Mahasangha at
Kannatipara
- 28.01.2023 : Training on Natural Resource Management at
Nalkemar
- 30.01.2023 : Training on Good Governance at Bajpe

Other Information: LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2023

Dear Rev. Fathers, as done in the previous year, this year too, the Lenten Campaign will be towards 'Local Mission/Charity' (**Refer to Bishop's letter**). People can donate directly to CODP for this campaign through cheques, RTGS, NEFT, etc. Kindly note:

1. CODP is registered under 80G (IT exemption) of the Income Tax Act

2. Any donations/contribution to CODP above Rs 2,000/- is to be sent by Cheque/Bank transfer/NEFT/RTGS. The details are as follows:

Account Name	CODP (Regd)
Bank Name	INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK
Branch	PADAVU
Account Number	157201000000015
IFS Code	IOBA0001572

NOTE: Please remember to intimate CODP as soon as you send your contribution through any of the above modes of transfer.

Considering the number of families in each parish and the Lenten contribution received, we will be acknowledging the top parishes during CODP's Golden Jubilee celebration in 2024. Hence, kindly encourage your parishioners to contribute generously to the cause.

- Director, CODP

**CELEBRET: PREVENTING 'FAKE' AND
UNAUTHORISED PRIESTS**

Scams involving fake identities, impersonations, and other deceptions are more common on social media, but they also happen on a personal level. There is a saying in Latin: *Cucullus non facit monachum*. That is, the habit does not make the monk. If the cassock does not make the priest, how can we know who is a real priest or who is not? This is exactly the

reason we need to be cautious in some matters. People approaching priests in parishes or religious convents, posing as Catholic priests, and seeking to preach, celebrate Mass, and perform other sacraments in the parish are not a new phenomenon. The Catholic faithful have fallen victim to unscrupulous individuals impersonating as priests, deacons, or seminarians to solicit public contributions or offer them spiritual service.

There have been cases of priests suspended and dismissed from their religious congregations, joining concelebrations in the church. Some Parish Priests have permitted them to minister in their parishes without knowing that these priests are dismissed or under penal suspension and thereby prohibited from celebrating and administering the sacraments. All of this causes a slew of issues on the social and spiritual sacramental levels. Fortunately, such things do not happen on a frequent basis. The Code of Canon Law ensures they do not happen if Parish Priests and Religious Superiors clearly follow the relevant norm in this case.

Canon 903 states: *A priest is to be permitted to celebrate the Eucharist, even if he is not known to the rector of the church, provided either that he presents commendatory letters, not more than a year old, from his own Ordinary or Superior, or that it can be prudently judged that he is not debarred from celebrating.*

This is a canon that every priest should be familiar with, as it is mentioned even in the General Instruction (no. 200) of the Roman Missal. Besides, since this canon seeks to protect both the faithful's right to the valid and licit celebration of the sacraments as well as the priest's right to offer the Holy Mass (cf. can. 900 §2), no priest should be offended if he is asked to provide a commendatory letter to someone he does not know, in order to prove his identity.

The practice of granting commendatory letters is found in the New Testament. For example, Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am." (1Cor 16:10). Even Apollos, "an eloquent man, and mighty in the Scriptures"

(Acts 18:24), took a letter. The purpose of a letter includes introducing a believer, confirming his doctrine, describing his testimony, and mentioning any unique abilities or undertakings in which he has demonstrated faithfulness.

Clerics travelling for one reason or another have been given such introductory letters since the early times of the Church. These letters guaranteed their warm reception in other regions and enabled them to carry out their respective orders. These documents have gone by many names, including “canonical letters”, “testimonial letters”, and “letters of good standing”, “letters of suitability” but “commendatory letters” was the one that was used the most. In common usage, this letter is named in Latin as “*celebret*” meaning “let him celebrate”.

Basically, a *celebret* is a letter of introduction from an Ordinary of the priest or religious superior attesting to the priest’s ordination and good standing and certifying that there is nothing preventing him from celebrating Mass. It must be dated within a year of being given to the Rector of the church when the priest presents it. The term “rector” in can. 903 refers to any priest or religious who is in charge of a church or a chapel, such as a Parish Priest, Parochial Administrator, Priest in charge, or Superior of a religious house having a chapel or oratory. Even though the canon refers to a commendatory letter not more than a year old, the diocesan Bishop can always reduce the time limit of the letter to 6 or 3 months and also issue special regulations if, in some circumstances, there is a clear danger of imposters or debarred priests turning up.

Some dioceses issue such a letter each year in the form of an identification card, which states that the priest is in good standing and requests that appropriate hospitality be extended to him. A *celebret* in this fashion might also include a photograph of the priest lest there be any doubt as to the authentic bearer of the card. Unlike other ID cards, which may be for life, a *celebret* is for a determinate period of time.

A priest who is taking his annual leave outside his diocese and planning to perform some ministry or wishing to celebrate or concelebrate Mass or other celebrations in the parish, should have his *celebret* with him. Without it, a priest may be met with

an embarrassing refusal. A *celebret* is a proof of his good standing as a priest. Therefore, it should not be seen as an awkward demand if a visiting priest is asked to produce his *celebret*. In fact, that should be seen as a sign of diligence, a way of stopping fraudsters, or maybe suspended priests, from administering the sacrament invalidly.

Every time a priest visits a church or a religious house for liturgical celebrations, the priest or the superior responsible for permitting him does not have to demand every time a *celebret* or a letter of good standing from the visiting or guest priest, provided “it can be prudently judged that he is not debarred from celebrating”. Someone known and trusted by the priest/superior can vouch for the good standing of the unknown priest.

If a ‘fake priest’ or a suspended or dismissed priest is permitted to celebrate sacraments such as confession and marriage, not only will they be invalid, but they would create terrible psychological and spiritual turmoil for the faithful who received them from impersonators or fraudsters. The burden of responsibility to see that only priests with good standing be permitted to perform activities or ministries in the parish rests on the Parish Priests or their equivalents in their parishes and on Rectors or Superiors in the case of chapels or oratories under their care.

- Rev. Victor George D’Souza

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rev. Fr Aloysius D Souza, St Zuze Vaz Home, Jeppu, completes 98 years and celebrates his 99th birthday on 29.01.2023.

Rev. Fr Victor Machado (Jr), Mangalore-Africa Mission in Same Diocese, completes 60 years (Diamond Jubilee) and celebrates his 61st birthday on 25.01.2023.

You have touched the lives of many, so today, it is our turn to warm your heart with our good wishes. On your special day, may you find happiness in the Lord, and may He give you the desires of your heart!

R.I.P.

- Mrs Eliza Castelino (90 years), sister of Rev. Fr John Noronha, St Zuze Vaz Home, Jeppu, expired on 26.11.2022. Her funeral took place on 29.11.2022 at Immaculate Conception Church, Kinnigoli.
 - Mrs. Marceline Pinto (84 years), sister of Rev. Fr William Gonsalves, St Zuze Vaz Home, Jeppu, expired on 26.12.2022. Her funeral took place on 29.12.2022 at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Belthangady.
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